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SUBJ: W/W LARRY SAVVIDES: CONSULAR ACCESS PROBLEMS

REF A) STATE 74142; B) NICOSIA 1168 C) NICOSIA 1117; D) NICOSIA
1082.

1. DCM DISCUSSED SAVVIDES CASE AND CONSULAR ACCESS PROBLEMS
ON APRIL 4 WITH MFA DIRECTOR GREEK-CYPRUS AFFAIRS
BARUTCU, DRAWING ON REFTELS B, C, AND D TO GIVE BRIEF
HISTORY OF CASE (INCLUDING OREK'S REPORTED REMARKS) AND
ENDING PRESENTATION WITH POINTS SET FORTH IN REFTEL A.

2. BARUTCU RESPONDED THAT IT WAS THE USG'S PRIVILEGE TO
INTERPRET ITS RIGHTS IN CYPRUS. IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR THE
GOT TO ACCEPT THE THESIS THAT DIPLOMATS HAD THE RIGHT OF
ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE ISLAND SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY WERE
ACCREDITED TO MAKARIOS. MAKARIOS HAD NO JURISDICTION IN THE
TURKISH AREA.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, BARUTCU CONTINUED, GOT DID NOT
DENY THAT FOREIGN DIPLOMATS SHOULD BE GIVEN ACCESS TO THE
TURKISH CYPRIOT AREA SO THAT THEY COULD CARRY OUT THEIR
RESPONSIBILITIES THERE WITH REGARD TO THEIR COUNTRIES'
INTERESTS, PROPERTIES, AND CITIZENS. UNTIL NOW THERE HAD BEEN
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DIFFICULTIES IN AFFORDING ACCESS, DIFFICULTIES ARISING

PRIMARILY FROM THE NEED TO GIVE APPROPRIATE SECURITY PROTECTION THE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY.

4. THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES ON CYPRUS WERE TRYING TO BE HELPFUL AND TO LIFT SECURITY RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRAVEL OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, CONTINUED BARUTCU. HE SAID THAT, AS EMBASSY NICOSIA WAS PROBABLY AWARE, HEADS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS WERE NOW PERMITTED TO TRAVEL IN THE TURKISH AREA WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES. SUCH TRAVEL FOR HEADS OF MISSION WAS NOW POSSIBLE FROM NICOSIA TO FAMAGUSTA; FROM NICOSIA TO KYRENIA; AND FROM NICOSIA TO THE MORFOU/LEFKE AREAS. THIS WAS A BEGINNING, SAID BARUTCU. HE HOPED THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE ALL FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND CONSULAR OFFICERS WOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE TURKISH AREA WITHOUT RESTICTION.

5. BARUTCU THEN SAID, "AS FOR OREK, HE EXCEEDED THE MEANING OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE FEDERATED TURKISH STATE OF CYPRUS (FTCS). IT

IS NOT AN INDEPENDENT STATE THAT REQUIRES RECOGNITION. IT IS NO SUCH THING."

6. BARUTCU CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH MOST OF THE DETAILS OF THE SAVVIDES CASE. HE HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED THAT SAVVIDES HAD BEEN RELEASED IN NICOSIA AND WAS PLEASED THAT THIS HAD HAPPENED. BARUTCU SAID THAT SUG SHOULD KNOW THAT WHILE SAVVIDES MIGHT BE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN HE ALSO HELD GREEK NATIONALITY. DCM NOTED THAT US CONSTITUTION AND LAWS GAVE RIGHT OF CONSULAR PROTECTION TO ALL US CITIZENS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FORMER NATIONALITY OR PLACE OF SOJOURN. BARUTCU SAID HE RESPECTED US CONSTITUTION BUT IT MIGHT NOT AUTOMATICALLY APPLY IN OTHER COUNTRIES. MACOMBER

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